(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The airpstrips at Goucher Chinyalsourh and Pithauragarh in Uttaranchal belong to the State Government. The infrastructure available at these airstrips have been found inadequate for operation of ATR-42 type of 50 seater aircraft. State Government has been sent the Inspection Report of AAI for taking necessary action.

Appointments in Indian Airlines

1914. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether recruitments under peculiar circumstances exist in recruitment rules of Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the persons employed during the last five years with names, age, post, appointing authority and peculiar circumstances of each case;

(c) whether the facts of peculiar circumstances had been verified before offering the job, the details of such verifying agency;

(d) whether persons already in service are entitled for this ;

(e) the details of newspaper in which such posts were advertised with date; and

(f) whether complaints against concealment of facts have been received against them; if so, the details and the present status of complaint?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Disappearance of listed Companies

1915. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 21, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 2003 and state:

(a) whether out of 185 companies with total monetary exposure of

Rs. 1150 crores identified as vanishing companies, only 82 companies with total issue size of 600 crores responded to the notice and if so, the action taken against them so far;

(b) the reasons for not responding to the notice by the remaining 103 companies and action taken against them; and

(c) the number of companies who brought IPOs during 1992—98 in existence and what action is being taken against the missing companies who defrauded the poor investors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: (a) Out of the 185 companies, 82 companies responded to the notices issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Out of these, prosecutions under the relevant Sections of the Companies Act have been launched against 68 companies. Besides, First Information Reports (FIRs) have been filed against 36 companies. SEBI has debarred 2 companies from accessing capital market for a period of 5 years for their failure to submit the reports and annual accounts to the Stock Exchanges and continued violation of the provisions of the Listing Agreement read with Section 21 of Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956.

(b) The main reason for lack of response of these companies to the notices issued by SEBI was that these companies were not traceable at their Registered Office. Out of these 103 companies, SEBI has debarred 98 companies under Section 11B of the SEBI Act, 1992 from accessing the capital market.

(c) A total of 4507 Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) had come to the market during the period from April, 1992 to March, 1998. Out of these, at present, 122 companies stand identified as vanishing companies, including two companies which made IPOs during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92.

A Coordination and Monitoring Committee, co-chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Company Affairs and Chairman, SEBI, has been set up to look into issues relating to delinquent/vanishing companies and their promoters and for monitoring the progress of action against them. Accordingly, prosecutions under Sections 63, 68 and 628 of the Companies Act, 1956 were launched against 111 vanishing companies. Besides, First Information

Reports (FIRs) have been filed under Indian Penal Code against Directors/ Promoters of 90 vanishing companies.

Penal Actions against Reliance Capital Ltd.

1916. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during 1998-99, Government had initiated penal actions against M/s Reliance Capital Ltd. (formerly Reliance Cap. & Fin.);

(b) whether same penal actions were also initiated against M/s Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd. during the same period; and

(c) if so, the present status of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Do not arise.

Credit Facilities to Farmers through Banks

1917. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed any policy and implemented any scheme to give crop loans, term loans and various Government credit facilities through Banks to farmers who are agriculture tenants and share croppers and farmers who do not have Pattadar Pass books, as more suicide deaths are taking place amongst these categories of farmers, who are exploited by private money lenders through abnormal rate of interest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government would assure of implementing schemes to benefit them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) National Bank of Agriculture